



**Open Space Committee  
Town Hall Annex, First Floor  
Minutes 10/27/16 Meeting**

Present: Nat Strosberg, Brian Kelder, David White, Ann LeRoy, Teresa DeBenedictis, Elena Bartholomew

Absent: Jane Auger, Wendy Richter, John Pickle, Kelsey Cowen

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm

Minutes from 9/22/16 meeting were reviewed and approved without change

**OSC web page**

Still in need of some updates. Nat will follow up to see that updates are completed and missing minutes and agendas are added.

**Take-A-Walk / Connecting Arlington's Open Spaces**

- Wendy and Kelsey were unable to attend the meeting but Wendy did submit the updated "Take-A-Walk" map with the suggested routes and pictures and captions. There was some discussion about the draft logo. Everyone liked the idea of the feet, but thought they could be missed on the smaller printed copy. A couple of other comments included removing the date, listing Arlington OSC web address at bottom, a little more detail about Open Space in the title. Ann will follow up with Wendy and Kelsey to finalize. There was also discussion about how to promote the map -- it should be sent out via town email blast with link to our website, including mention and link to Experience Arlington app. Ann will request help from Joan Roman on tracking webpage activity.
- There was more discussion on Arlington Heights being the next "Take-A-Walk" location to be developed. Routes seemed to center around Mass. Ave from around Brattle Street, heading up the Ave, incorporating the Res and maybe up toward Mt. Gilboa. Not sure how much can fit on the map. Since the terrain is different from East Arlington and it may have to be broken into sections. More discussion needed.
- The walking tour with Ed Gordon will be tabled until spring.

**Picture Post at the Reservoir, other sites**

Tabled as John Pickle was not available.

**Open Space and Recreation Plan (2015 – 2022)**

Wendy and Nat will be meeting with Laura Wiener in Planning next week to discuss creating a spreadsheet or chart to track accomplishment and future projects.

**News and Reports**

- Mugar development – nothing to report at this time
- Mill Brook Study Group (Master plan) cleanup on Oct 16: Nat spoke about the clean-up day, that it was very successful; over 20 people showed up and worked. Nat brought two

maps that highlighted sections of the area. Teresa noted that DPW will follow up with some maintenance work along Mill Brook also. There was some discussion about the “bridge to no-where” between Grove and Brattle streets. Mystic River Watershed Assoc (MyRWA) is interested in clean-up and access to Mill Brook also, and is planning to request CPC funds for a project in this area near Wellington Park.

- Park & Rec Report: Elena updated committee on the Reservoir master plan submitted to CPC, which has received initial approval allowing them to submit a full proposal in December. This project will work along with ConCom and did receive a list of considerations from them for the final proposal. Magnolia Park project is making progress. It will be closed through the winter. Robbins Farm will hold the first of public input meetings on Nov 5 for the renovations that will start next year. Florence and Lucciano park projects are moving through the process of ADA enhancements.
- Res chestnut clean up: Teresa mentioned the work has been completed for this year.
- ConCom: David mentioned he attend the MyRWA annual meeting. About 75 people in attendance.

### **2016 and 2017 Meeting Dates**

Due to Thanksgiving we will meet 11/17/16.

Nat will check on meeting room availability. December meeting is up in the air. The first six months of 2017 meeting dates would be 1/26, 2/23, 3/23, 4/27, 5/25 and 6/22.

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:15 pm.

Submitted by Elena Bartholomew